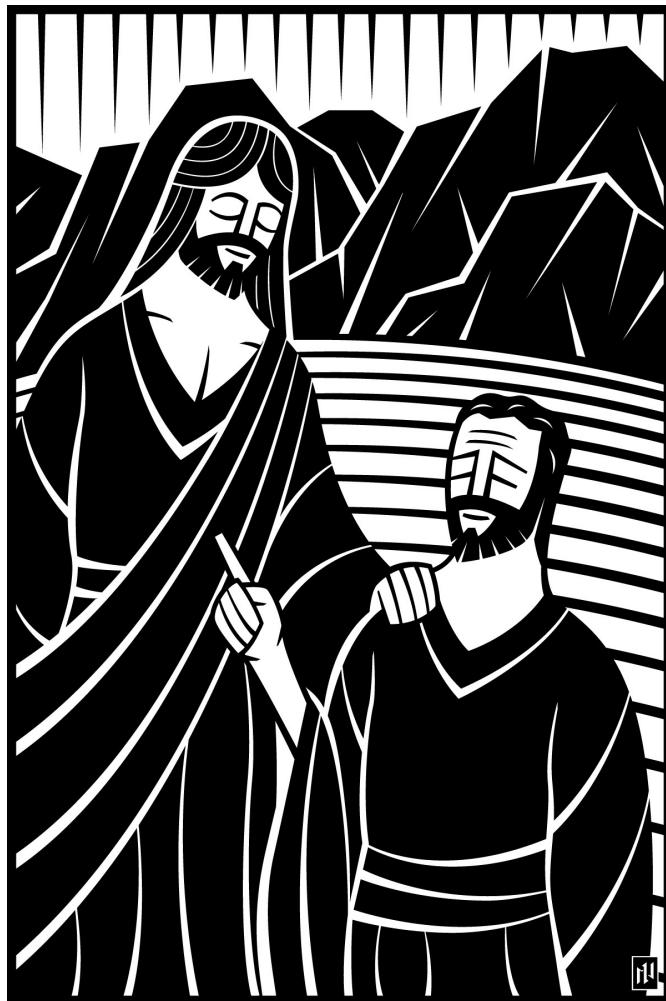


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Notes for Visitors:

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the red hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.

September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Pastors' Notes

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The Pentecost season focuses on Christ's teaching to grow the faith of believers. (Hence, the color green.) After a few weeks looking at the Holy Ministry, and several weeks on the life of a Christian, our attention is now on believers as a whole—the Christian Church.

This week we consider: The Church will stand forever. The Church is not built upon we Christians who serve it, but rather on the solid rock of Jesus. His message of salvation through faith in him will always endure. The effects of his work upon the cross and his departure from the tomb are eternal. For this reason it is important to know how to truly answer Jesus' question from the Gospel lesson: "Who do you say I am?" In faith, we want our answer to line up with what Scripture says. For our Lord and Savior has told us who he is from beginning to end. Each of our lessons today reveal the glory and power of God, all used for the salvation of souls. The Church will stand forever because it stands upon this confession!

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The liturgical songs will be omitted (Oh, Taste and See; Verse of the Day). Liturgical responses (Amen, etc.) will be spoken.

HYMN: 368 (O Savior, Precious Savior)

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CONFESSON & ABSOLUTION (pg. 38)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (pg. 39)

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and , that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Exodus 6: 2-8)

² Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, “I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. ⁵ I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶ “Therefore, tell the Israelites, ‘I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

PSALM 34 (pg. 80)

EPISTLE LESSON (Romans 11: 33-36)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his adviser?” ³⁵ “Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia (2 Timothy 1:10)

GOSPEL LESSON (Matthew 16: 13-20)

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 536 (Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head)

SERMON But you, who do you say that I am? (Matthew 16: 13-20)

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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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PRAYER (pg. 43)

BLESSING (pg. 44)

HYMN 470 (Praise to You and Adoration)

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